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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

SIRHAN, Motasim et al.

Application No.: 09/872,640

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For: CATHETER HAVING
EXCHANGEABLE BALLOON

Examiner: WEBB, S.

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed August 22, 2002 having a response due date of November 22, 2002. The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. A three (3) month request for extension of time from November 22, 2002 to February 22, 2003 is included herewith. A version of the claims marked to show changed is attached as Appendix A. A copy of all pending claims is also attached as Appendix B.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend Claims 1, 8, 38, and 44; cancel Claims 2, 10, 14, 20-21, and 46, without prejudice, and add new Claims 48-51, as indicated below:

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